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COLLEGE BOYS ALL FIGHTING TO PLAY BALL MEN MAY VOTE HERE FRIDAY IN THE PRIMARY

TEAMS FROM "OLE MISS" EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
AND A. & M. COLLEGE MAKES PROVISIONS FOR
TO CLASH. ABSENT ELECTORS.

A CLOSE CONTEST VACANCY IS FILLED

Two Evenly Matched Teams Mr. T. Bailey Hardy of District
Insure Many Thrills During Five is elected to Member-
Game. ship.

The first game of college baseball to be seen here this season will take place tomorrow afternoon, when teams representing the University of Mississippi and the A. and M. College will clash on the Lake Park diamond, and the contest will probably be witnessed by the largest crowd that has assembled on the local lot since the old Cotton States League went out of existence, forcing lovers of the sport here to rely solely upon visits from amateur teams for sporadic opportunities to exercise their lungs in that joyously noisy pastime known as "rooting."

The entire student body of the A. and M. College, including Prof. Carl Leuk's justly famous band, is expected to be present, while the State University promises to send a delegation sufficiently strong both in numbers and lung power to do its full share of yelling, and hundreds of fair students from the Industrial Institute and College will be in the grandstand to cheer their favorites on to victory or to weep with them in defeat. Of course it would be awfully nice if both teams could win, out in contests of this character one team or the other must go down in defeat, and it will be consoling to the losers to have a lot of charming admirers from the local institution present to share their cup of sorrow with them.

The two teams are said to be evenly matched and both coaches claim that their men are in splendid condition. This being the case, the game promises to be a close one and is likely to furnish numerous thrills for the large crowd which is sure to be in attendance.

Former Columbian Dies.
Death called away Mr. D. H. Winfield, of Memphis, a former Columbian, Saturday evening. Funeral services were held in Memphis Sunday afternoon, and interment took place in that city. Mr. Winfield was 87 years of age, was a veteran of the Civil war, and was well known in this city.

The deceased is survived by three daughters, Mrs. A. R. Gilbert, of Columbus, Mrs. Bettie Cox and Miss Martha Winfield, of Memphis, and five sons, Messrs. D. L. Winfield, of Columbus, J. H. Winfield, of Memphis, E. M. Winfield, of Itta Bena, R. W. Winfield, of Centralia, Wash., and R. A. Winfield, of Cedar Bluff.

NOEL FORMALLY OPENS CAMPAIGN

PLATFORM IS CLEARLY SET
FORTH IN MAIDEN SPEECH
AT GREENWOOD.

Greenwood, Miss., May 8.—Ex-Gov. E. F. Noel opened his campaign for the United States Senate in a very eloquent and characteristic "Noel" address before the people of Leflore county here Monday morning at the court house at 11 o'clock.

The former governor was introduced by Hon. A. F. Gardner, who spoke of his vast experience in Mississippi politics and enumerated the offices to which he had been honored, stating that he was a close associate of Mr. Noel when he (Mr. Gardner) was in the Senate.

After thanking the court and the audience for the opportunity of speaking to them on some of the questions of vital importance, he congratulated Leflore county and especially the city of Greenwood on the progress, the prosperity and the patriotism that is everywhere manifest.

Mrs. L. A. Sykes, of Aberdeen, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. S. D. Harris.

A MESSAGE FROM FRANCE

Spirit of This War Pictured by French Schoolgirl
in Letter Received by John H. Finley.

THIS letter is one of the many messages which have been received from the schools of France in response to the messages from American universities and schools, carried to them by John H. Finley, Commissioner of Education and President of the University of the State of New York. It is reproduced here and comes from a pupil in the Lycee Victor Durny in Paris, which he visited last May, and there heard the pupils singing "The Star Spangled Banner" in French and crying in chorus, "Vive l' Amerique." It is doubted if there has been a more graphic or poetic expression of that which separates the men in the opposing trenches or of that which brings America and France together.

"It was only a little river, almost a brook; it was called the Yser. One could talk from one side to the other without raising one's voice, and the birds could fly over it with one sweep of their wings. And on the two banks there were millions of men, the one turned toward the other, eye to eye. But the distance which separated them was greater than the stars in the sky; it was the distance which separates right from injustice."

"The ocean is so vast that the sea gulls do not dare to cross it. During seven days and seven nights the great steamships of America, going at full speed, drive through the deep waters before the light-houses of France come into view; but from one side to the other hearts are touching."

AIRCRAFT MUDDLE WILL BE PROBED

BOTH DEPARTMENTS OF JUSTICE AND CONGRESS WILL
CONDUCT INVESTIGATION.

Washington, May 8.—Two new investigations of aircraft production are about to be launched. While President Wilson and the cabinet were hearing Tuesday Attorney General Gregory's plan for the inquiry into charge of graft and mismanagement ordered by the President, Chairman Chamberlain of the Senate military committee announced that the committee proposed to reopen its investigation and "put its finger on the men responsible" for the deficiencies in the aviation programme.

In the meantime the House military committee, considering the \$15,000,000,000 army appropriation bill, with a billion for aviation, virtually completed a brief aircraft inquiry of its own. After hearing Secretary Baker and his chief aids for aviation, the committee members were agreed that the situation did not call for an investigation by them, and leading members said after the meeting they were convinced both that there had been no criminal liability for delays and deficiencies in the past, and that the present status of war departments was satisfactory.

The attorney general spent an hour with the President after the cabinet meeting. Later he announced that Assistant Attorney General William L. Frierson, formerly of Chattanooga, had been assigned to conduct a thorough inquiry with the assistance of other lawyers of the department and special agents of the bureau of investigation.

Hon. J. E. Rankin Speaks.
Hon. J. E. Rankin, of Tupelo, who is a candidate for Congress from this, the First Mississippi district, which is at present represented by Hon. E. S. Candler of Corinth, delivered an address at the court house here Tuesday night in the interest of his candidacy.

"It Pays to Advertise."
The members of the Freshman class of the college will present the play "It Pays to Advertise," in the chapel Saturday evening, May 11, at 8 o'clock.

Admission 25c and 15c.
The many friends of Capt. John R. Dinsmore, of the 347th Infantry, at Camp Pike, Ark., who was home in April on a sick leave, has entirely recovered from an attack of pneumonia. Capt. Dinsmore, whose home is in Macon, with his wife visited Columbus before returning to Arkansas.

Messrs. N. D. Robinson, Stanley Gardner, W. D. Sanders and Mr. and Mrs. B. K. Sessums left yesterday for Detroit, Mich., where they go to spend several days. They expect to make their return trip in Super-Six and Dodge cars, which have been purchased by Mr. Robinson.

Smith Sells to Pope.
The well known grocery firm of Pope and Smith will in the future be known as Pope's Grocery Store, Mr. Rush C. Smith having sold his interest in the business to Mr. Pope.

BIRTH OF A NATION TO BE SHOWN HERE

FAMOUS PICTURE WILL BE SEEN
AT THE PRINCESS TWO
DAYS NEXT WEEK.

D. W. Griffith's "The Birth of a Nation" will open an engagement next week at the Princess, Wednesday the 15th, and Thursday the 16th. The first-class metropolitan production is guaranteed to be the one shown here.

Many circumstances have conspired to make "The Birth of a Nation" the most widely discussed picture in the world. Suggested by Thomas Dixon's Southern novels, it embraces a far wider scope than "The Clansman" play. Mr. Griffith's new art covers 150 years of history and pictorializes the greatest events of the War between the States as well as those of Reconstruction, Lincoln, Lee and Grant; the early glories of the Confederacy; the devastation of Gen. Sherman's march to the sea; the awful seige of Petersburg; the signing of peace at Appomattox; the assassination of the President in Ford's Theatre, and the succeeding orgy of hate and oppression of the South—these personages and incidents pass rapidly before the enthralled spectator and lead up to the terrific climax of Part II, which is devoted to what has been styled "the second struggle between the North and the South," a struggle caused by the attempt to impose carpetbagger rule upon the conquered States. The wild adventures and achievements of the Ku Klux Klan dominate the final scenes, which yield a happy ending of a double romance of Southern and Northern sweethearts. Seats are now on sale at Street's Drug Store, the prices are 50 cents for the gallery and 75 cents on the lower floor, and you had better get your seats today.

Miss Mary Tanner has returned to her home in New Orleans, after a pleasant visit to her sister, Mrs. V. B. Ives.

AMERICAN DEFENSE SOCIETY WARNING
Every German or Austrian in the United States, unless known by years of association to be absolutely loyal, should be treated as a potential spy.

Be on the alert. Keep your eyes and ears open. Take nothing for granted. Energy and alertness may save the life of your son, your husband or your brother.

The enemy is engaged in making war in this country, in transmitting news to Berlin, and in spreading peace propaganda, as well as lies about the condition and morale of American military forces.

Whenever any suspicious act or disloyal word comes to your notice, communicate at once with the Vigilance corps of the American Defense society, with the mayor, the police department, or with the national headquarters of the American Defense society, 44 East Twenty-third street, New York City.

ITEMS OF INTEREST OVER THE COUNTRY

GIST OF THE NEWS GATHERED
HERE AND THERE AND PRESENTED IN BRIEF FORM.

The allotment of meat purchases for the army, navy and marine corps and the allies has been consolidated in a single bureau, with headquarters in Chicago.

An additional credit of \$75,000,000 was extended to Great Britain by the Treasury Tuesday, bringing the total American loans to that nation to \$2,750,000,000, and the total of credit to all co-belligerents to \$5,363,850,000.

Ten steel ships of 71,679 tons, and six wooden ships of 21,550 tons were launched by the American yards in the week ending May 5, the shipping board announced Tuesday. Twelve steel ships of 80,180 tons were delivered to the board complete in the same period.

Swimming is to be taught soldiers in some training camps this summer as a military requirement, according to the commission on training camp activities. A statement by the commission shows that 118,000 soldiers in camps participated in organized basket ball last season.

The United States Public Health Service is in need of medical officers for field duty in connection with the sanitation of several civil sanitary districts. Men physically disqualified from the Medical Reserve Corps are eligible for these positions, providing they are not suffering from complaints that would seriously interfere with the performance of their duties.

President Wilson Tuesday issued a proclamation designating the week beginning May 20 as "Red Cross Week," calling upon the American people to contribute generously to the second \$100,000,000 War Fund of the American Red Cross for the alleviation of suffering of American troops in France and their dependents at home, and among the fighting forces and civilian population of the Allied countries.

Celebrate Eighth of May.
Yesterday was emancipation day, and was, as usual appropriately celebrated by the negroes of Columbus and the surrounding territory, the day having been universally observed as a holiday by members of the race.

Representatives of the different colored churches, schools and patriotic and benevolent societies assembled at Lake Park yesterday afternoon, when the following program was given: Song, "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow;" Prayer, Rev. I. M. Mission; Song, "My Country 'Tis of Thee;" Introductory Remarks; Emancipation Address by Rev. E. L. Hollis; Short Address, Mrs. L. A. Williams, Rev. E. R. Miller and Prof. T. P. Harris; Closing Prayer, Rev. E. J. Echols.

Lipsev Making Good.
Mr. John Lipsey, the well known son of Mr. J. A. Lipsey of this city, who is now on the U. S. S. Debrueque, has been named as chief gunner's mate. Mr. Lipsey recently stood examinations for entrance to Annapolis.

EFFICIENCY TO STEENS YOUTH MARK THE RED GETS FRENCH CROSS DRIVE HONOR MEDAL

SYSTEM WILL BE WATCH CROIX DE GUERRE IS BE.
WORD OF THE LOCAL STOWED UPON DEWEY
CAMPAIGN. D. SMITH.

EVERYONE WORKS FOUGHT VALIANTLY

All Committeemen to Report Is First Local Soldier to Win
Each Morning While Drive Distinction on the French
Progresses. Battle Field.

Plans for the local Red Cross campaign are rapidly nearing completion, and Dr. J. W. Lipscomb, who is to direct the campaign, has already received so much enthusiastic encouragement that he feels confident that Lowndes county will go "over the top" and the reputation for loyalty and generosity towards patriotic and altruistic undertakings which her people have so long enjoyed will be fully sustained.

Dr. Lipscomb hopes to raise \$8,000 within the borders of the county, and Columbus will be called upon to contribute one-half of that amount. Each town and each community throughout the county will be asked for a specific sum, and while there may be some inequalities in the different assessments an honest and conscientious effort will be made to make them fair and equitable.

The committee for Columbus is composed of several different teams, and during the time that the drive is in progress members of these teams will assemble each morning at 9 o'clock at the Chamber of Commerce, where they will receive such information and instruction as the general chairman may deem it necessary to give them. They will then proceed to canvass the districts assigned them and will work three hours, all activities in this direction being suspended at noon and not being taken up again until 9 o'clock the following morning. By pursuing this method all committeemen will labor systematically and the work will not only be evenly divided but will proceed in a smooth and business-like manner.

Each town and rural community is to be organized either according to this plan, or to some other which is better suited to its citizenship, and the campaign throughout the county is to be waged on a basis of systematic efficiency which, it is confidently believed, will bring the most gratifying results.

LT. ERVIN MEETS DEATH IN THE AIR

WEST POINT AVIATOR KILLED
WHILE ON FLIGHT AT
MINNEOLA, L. I.

Mrs. F. R. Simms on yesterday afternoon received a telegram stating that her nephew, Lieutenant Jack Ervin, a member of the aviation corps, had met death in an accident which took place while he was on a flight at Minneola, Long Island, where he was stationed.

Lieutenant Ervin was the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Ervin, of West Point, and was well known in this city.

The body of the dead aviator will be taken to West Point for burial, but the date of the funeral has not yet been fixed.

BRITISH CASUALTIES FOR PAST WEEK TOTALED 38,691

London, May 8.—British casualties reported during the week ending Tuesday reached a total of 38,691. Of this number 6,555 officers and men were killed or died of wounds, and 32,136 were wounded or reported missing. The casualties were divided as follows:
Killed or died of wounds:
Officers 499, men 6,056, wounded or missing, officers, 1,859, men 30,277.

Negro Taken to Camp.
Chief of Police John A. Merton named, Mrs. Evans had other relations spent yesterday at Camp Shelby, near Hattiesburg, where he went to buy, and her death occasioned wide-spread grief here. The body was slacker, who was arrested here last Saturday.

The Croix de Guerre (the French war cross) has been bestowed upon Private Dewey DeWitt Smith, the Lowndes county boy who was severely wounded while fighting at his post on April 16. The ceremony took place last Sunday in a beautiful chateau near Verdun which is now being used as a hospital, and several other gallant fighters were decorated at the same time, the crosses having been bestowed upon them by a French general, who was accompanied to the chateau by an American army officer of similar rank.

Private Smith, who is a son of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Smith, who reside in the Steens neighborhood about eight miles east of Columbus, is only 18 years old, and therefore was not subject to draft but volunteered for service soon after the United States declared war against Germany. He enlisted in the regular army and was assigned to the Ninth Infantry. He accompanied that regiment to France, and was among the first American soldiers to land on French soil.

The wound which brought Private Smith the decoration was received on April 16 while he was valiantly fighting at his post. The cablegram announcing the casualty merely stated that he was wounded in action, having failed to make any declaration concerning the extent of his injuries, and for several days his parents and relatives were kept in suspense regarding his condition. Finally, however Mr. F. P. Phillips, local representative of the Home Service branch of the American Red Cross Society, succeeded in inducing officials at Washington to send a cablegram to France making inquiry as to the young man's condition, and a reply to this message which was recently received states that he is out of danger.

Private Smith is the first local soldier to be decorated for bravery, and not only his parents and personal friends, but the people of Lowndes county generally are proud of his record.

MRS. EVANS DIES IN BIRMINGHAM

MEMBER OF PROMINENT LOCAL
FAMILY SUCCEUMBS TO
PNEUMONIA.

Mrs. Emily P. Evans, widow of the late Hon. George A. Evans, who for a long time was a prominent member of the Columbus bar but who spent the latter years of his life in Birmingham, died at St. Vincent's hospital in that city Tuesday, her death having resulted from pneumonia.

Mrs. Evans, who was about 60 years old, was a sister of Mrs. S. E. Whitfield and a sister-in-law of Mrs. W. C. Richards, both of whom reside in this city, and leaves another sister, Mrs. Virginia Vaiden, who lives in Richmond, Va. She is also survived by a son, Hon. Richard Evans, who was formerly on the Alabama supreme court bench and who is now a prominent member of the Birmingham bar.

In addition to the ladies above named, Mrs. Evans had other relations and numerous friends in Columbus, and her death occasioned wide-spread grief here. The body was taken to Birmingham, the funeral having taken place there yesterday.